
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, GALLAGHER, SOLOMON, BELLMON, KINSEY,
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SANCHEZ, D. WILLIAMS, PROBST, HOHENSTEIN, HANBIDGE, HILL-
EVANS, BRIGGS, DELLOSO AND CIRESI, JUNE 16, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 16, 2023

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Extending in whole the disaster emergency declared on June 12,
2 2023, in response to the collapse of the northbound bridge
3 and severe compromise of the southbound bridge on Interstate
4 95 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County.

5 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2023, the Governor issued a proclamation
6 declaring a disaster emergency in response to the collapse of
7 the northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound
8 bridge of Interstate 95 in the City of Philadelphia,
9 Philadelphia County; and

10 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2023, a tanker truck fire erupted
11 underneath a northbound and southbound bridge on Interstate 95
12 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; and

13 WHEREAS, The fire led to the collapse of the northbound
14 bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge; and

15 WHEREAS, The subsequent closing of the northbound and
16 southbound lanes of Interstate 95 has created serious disruption
17 to transportation and commerce; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to the economic impacts, there is
2 concern for the public safety and well-being of individuals in
3 the vicinity of the incident; and

4 WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia and surrounding political
5 subdivisions continue to experience adverse impacts, including
6 ongoing traffic disruption in and around the scene of the
7 accident; and

8 WHEREAS, These adverse impacts are of such magnitude or
9 severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's
10 supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources
11 and the activation of all applicable State, county and municipal
12 emergency response plans; and

13 WHEREAS, It is necessary to take immediate steps to provide
14 for the reopening of Interstate 95 and to repair and reconstruct
15 the bridges; and

16 WHEREAS, Recovery efforts in response to the damage caused by
17 the incident remain ongoing; and

18 WHEREAS, Extending the disaster emergency declaration will
19 ensure that the Department of Transportation is eligible to
20 receive emergency relief funding from the Federal Government to
21 assist the City of Philadelphia; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly,
23 in accordance with section 20(c) of Article IV of the
24 Constitution of Pennsylvania, extend in whole until June 12,
25 2024, the disaster emergency declared on June 12, 2023, in
26 response to the collapse of the northbound bridge and severe
27 compromise of the southbound bridge on Interstate 95 in the City
28 of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, except as terminated or
29 extended, in whole or in part, by the General Assembly; and be
30 it further

1 RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of this concurrent resolution
2 by both chambers of the General Assembly, the Secretary of the
3 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
4 notify the Governor of the General Assembly's action; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief
7 Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit this concurrent
8 resolution to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication
9 in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin as
10 specified under 45 Pa.C.S. § 725(a)(4); and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That this concurrent resolution take effect
12 immediately.